

13<sup>th</sup> June 2008

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Dear Sir,

**Smoke Inhalation**

I refer to my previous email (1/5/2008) and registered letter to you dated the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008 (copy attached for your information). Perhaps your reply has gone astray.

In my case, I followed the procedure detailed in the previously mentioned document produced by the Health Department and stayed indoors with chronic airflow limitation whilst the smoke was too bad for me to go outdoors.

However, as a result of following the written procedure and advice, I ended up with numerous leg clots going to DVT and pulmonary emboli. You would appreciate the seriousness of this condition.

It would appear the advice given in that document is misleading and clearly wrong as when it was followed by me my health was put seriously at risk.

As per the advice and instructions given on that document, under the heading "What should I do" please note:-

- i) I spent, "...time indoors with windows and doors closed."
- ii) I, "...minimized the amount of vigorous physical activity outdoors."
- iii) I, "...avoided other sources of pollution as much as possible."
- iv) I, "...was unable to go to a community building..." because I do not know of any community building that has *absolute filters* fitted which are necessary to remove these high levels of forestry wood smoke. To advise people to go to these buildings is, I believe, wrong under the circumstances.

Even if there was somewhere suitable, could they have accommodated me full time for the last two months?

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- v) My chronic airflow limitation as a result of the forestry smoke, “made it harder for me to breathe” in a “P2 respirator.”
- vi) It is almost impossible to air proof a house and I have had, “...to live with a lot of smoke from outside getting in.”
- vii) I did, “...not get better and sought medical advice.” on many occasions and on three occasions was admitted to Accident and Emergency.

As there has been a considerable delay since I first contacted you, I now look forward to your reply at the earliest convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Clive M. Stott

Encl: Registered letter to you dated 20/5/2008 – 2pages  
Letter to Jodie Campbell MP dated the 21/4/2008 – 2pages